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(c) whether the Superintendent further issued an order prohibiting all processions of volunteers to and from toddy shops and, if so, why and under what authority; and

(d) whether any toddy shops in Kuppam were burnt and, if so, by whom they were suspected by the Government to have been burnt and on what grounds?

A.—(a) As criminal cases arising out of certain incidents at Kuppam are still pending, the Government are not prepared to answer the question at present.

(b) Yes, on the 14th August 1931, on his own authority but with the approval of the District Magistrate, in the interests of the public peace.

(c) The District Superintendent of Police issued an order under section 30 (2) of the Police Act V of 1861, prohibiting processions without a licence obtained from him. It was issued because the situation in Kuppam was such that there was a danger of a breach of the peace.

(d) One toddy shop was burnt. The Government have no information as to the person or persons responsible. No charge has been laid.

Alleged obstruction to bridal processions of the Viswabrahmans in the Ongole taluk.

581 Q.—Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in some villages of the taluk of Ongole in Guntur district, caste Hindus are obstructing Viswabrahmans from enjoying the elementary rights of carrying the bridal pairs in processions in palanquins through the streets of villages at the time of marriage and other ceremonial occasions; and

(b) if the information is not available whether the Government would be pleased to call for a report from the Tahsildar and lay it on the table?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information but have called for it.

[For further list of unstarred questions, please see page 524 infra.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Local Self-Government

Superstructures built in the prohibited zone of Hospet municipality since the promulgation of the prohibitory order.

* 582 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of buildings, huts and other structures respectively that have been built in the prohibited zone of Hospet municipal limits, after the promulgation of the order barring the construction of dwelling houses thereon;

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(*b*) whether it is a fact that most of the dwelling huts are built close to the Raya channel, that the owners have stored manure on the land sloping towards the channel and that the rains wash down the filth and dirt on the slopes into the Raya channel;

(*c*) whether the washermen of Hospet are using the land near the prohibited zone as a dhoby-khana and wash their dirty clothes in the channel; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to remove the ban on building construction and improve the sanitation of the area in question?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information, but have called for it.

(*d*) No.

Medical

Number of cases operated by the First and Second Surgeons in the Madras General Hospital.

* 583 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases that were operated on by (1) the First Surgeon, and (2) the Second Surgeon, in the Madras General Hospital during the months of January, February, March and April 1931;

(*b*) the number of cases that healed on first intention out of their respective operations; and

(*c*) the number of cases that went septic out of their respective operations?

A.—(*a*) The number of cases operated on by the First and Second Surgeons in the Government General Hospital, Madras, during the months of January, February, March and April 1931, is as follows:—

	First Surgeon.	Second Surgeon.
January 1931	141	97
February ,, ...	130	84
March ,, ...	139	92
April ,, ...	105	92

(*b*) & (*c*) Of the operations performed by the First and Second Surgeons during the months of January to March 1931, 474 cases healed by the first intention and 82 by the second. The cases referred to here are those operated on and discharged during the three months. Information about other cases and those for April 1931 are not at present available. Government do not consider it desirable to furnish information showing the result of the operations performed by each of the Surgeons separately.